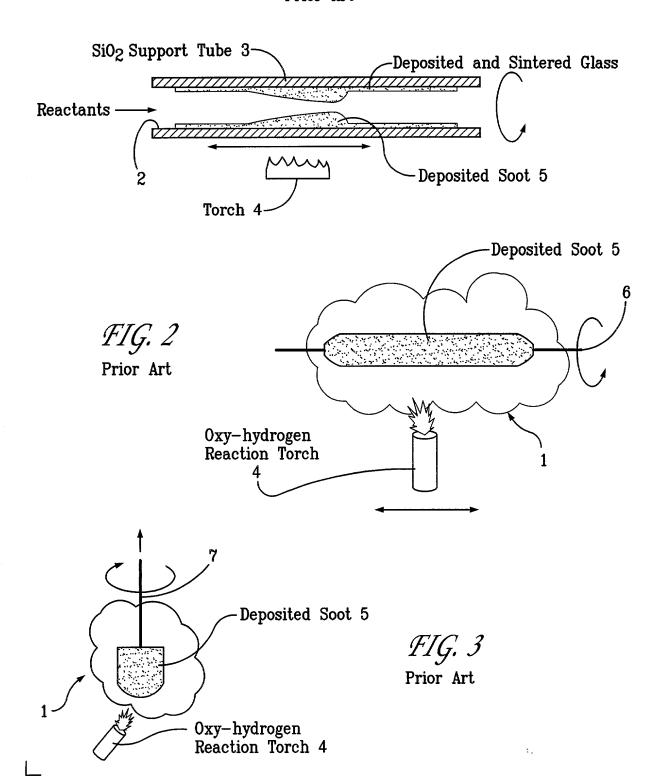
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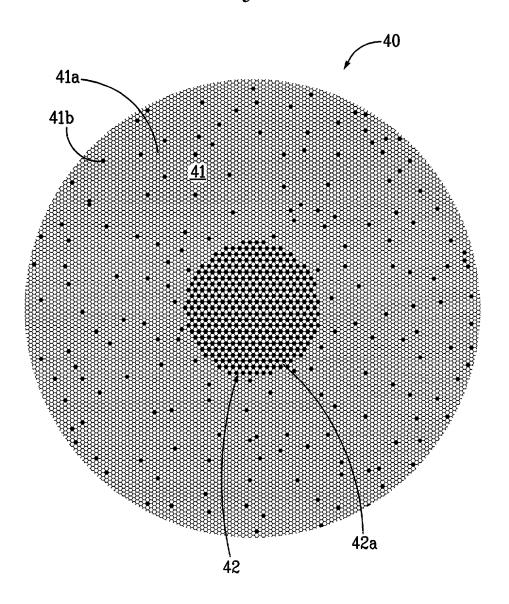
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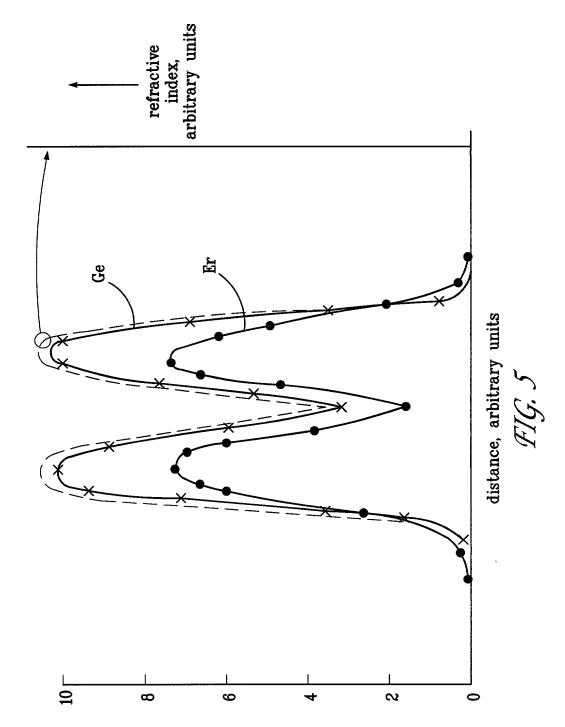
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FIG. 4





Element concentration, arbitrary units

Index (or dopant) profile of a group of such rods bundled together.

Index (or dopant) of core or cladding that has suffered the effects of burnout.

FIG. 6B

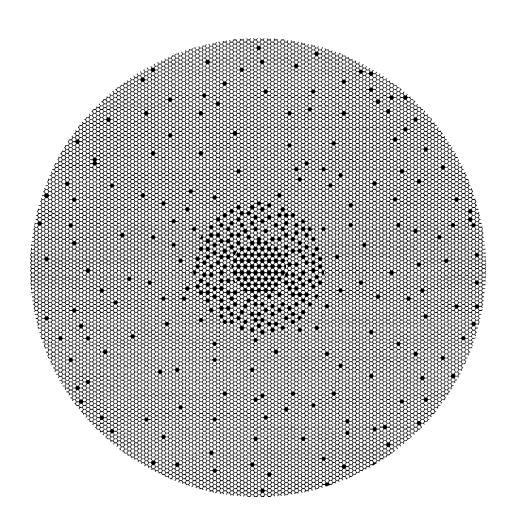
FIG. 6A

Effective index (or dopant) profile seen by mode field in fiber fabricated from such a preform bundle.

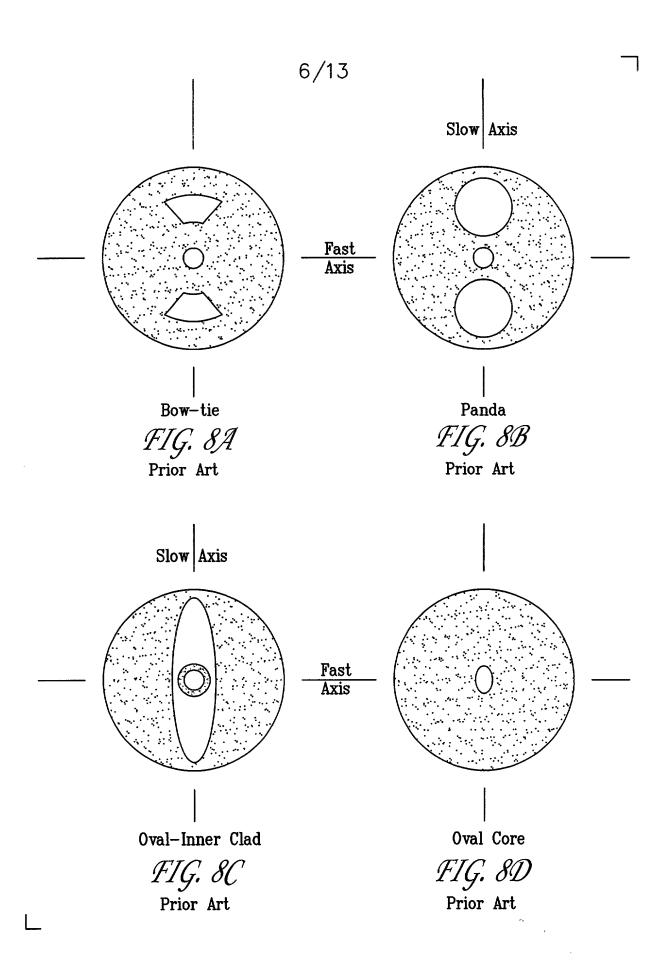
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FIG. 6C

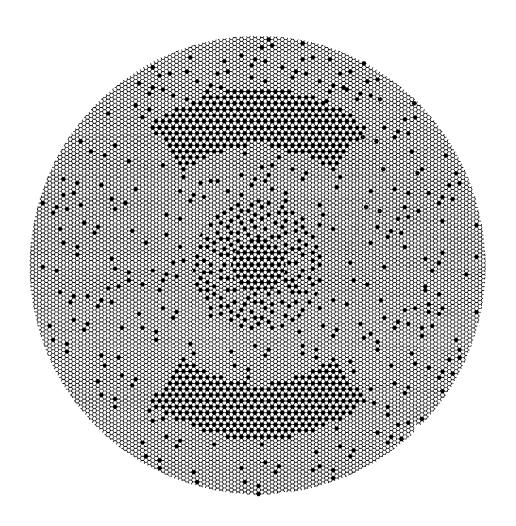
FIG. 7

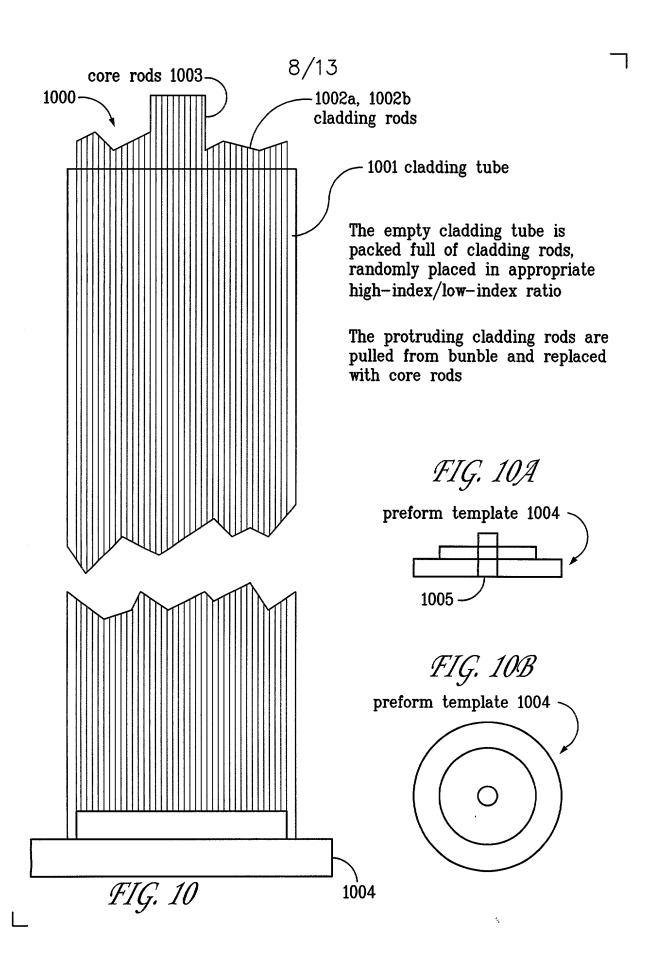


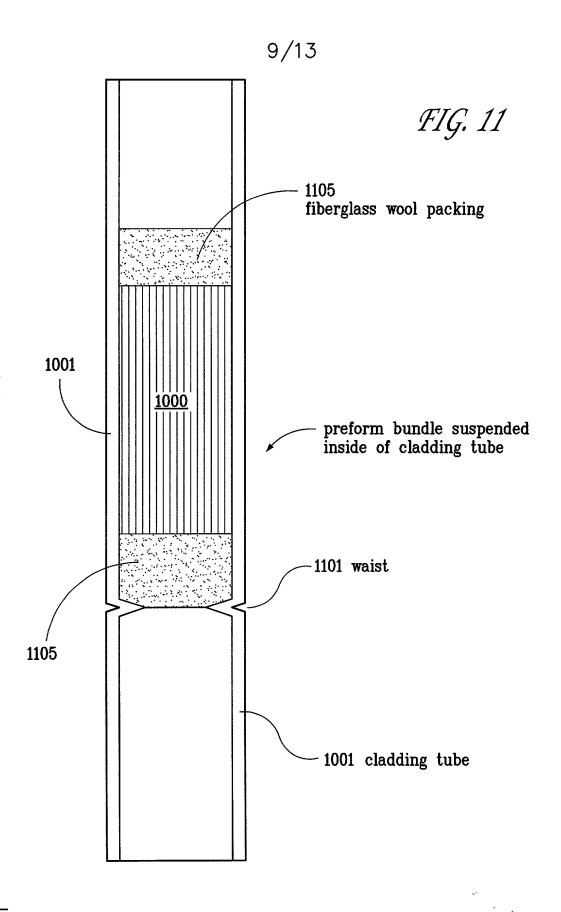
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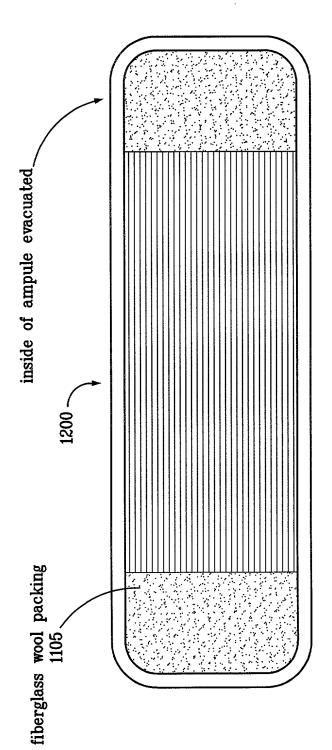
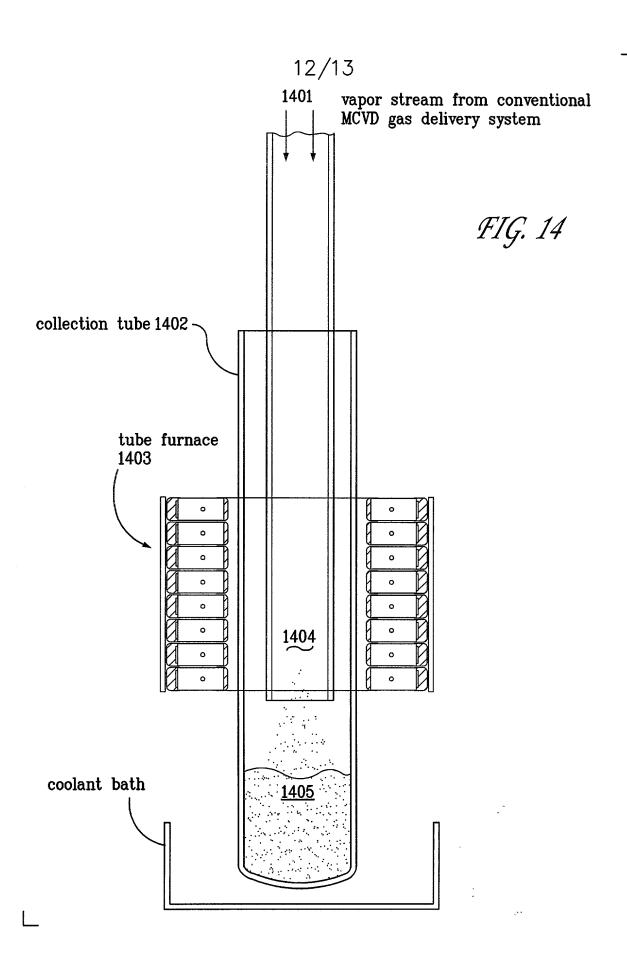


FIG. 12

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FIG. 13



## FIG. 15

